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SUBJ: PAYMENT FOR LOCKHEED HERCULES

COMMERCE PASS LOCKHEED VICE PRESIDENT A.H. LORCH,
MARIETTA, GEORGIA

REF: LOCKHEED TELEX TO MINFIN MOUKAMBI SEPTEMBER 13

1. MINFIN COUNSELOR LEFLEM STATED THAT MINFIN HAD RECEIVED LOCKHEED TELEGRAM AND SENT REPLY SEPTEMBER 21 OFFERING TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF 335 MILLION CFA (ABOUT DOLS 1.4 MILLION) TO LOCKHEED, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN HALF AMOUNT DUE IN APRIL AND REQUESTED IN LOCKHEED TELEGRAM. LEFLEM TOLD EMBOFF THAT COUNSELOR CASALTA HAD BEEN HANDLING LOCKHEED CASE BUT WAS CURRENTLY ON LEAVE. LEFLEM WONDERED WHY APRIL PAYMENT HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE AND WOULD APPRECIATE COMMUNICATION FROM LOCKHEED REGARDING PROBLEM. LEFLEM ALSO SAID PREVIOUS TELEGRAM HAD BEEN IN FRENCH THAT WAS "VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND."

2. REGARDING LOCKHEED ASSITANCE FOR ARRANGING FINANCING, LEFLEM HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD THIS PORTION OF TELEGRAM BECAUSE OF POOR FRENCH. EMBOFF EXPLAINED SUBSTANCE TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND LEFLEM SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER LOCKHEED PROPOSITION.COUNTRYMAN

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